



International Business
and Human Rights
Interest Group

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TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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HYBRID WORKSHOP

New Frontiers of International Business and Human Rights Law in the Face of Technological Innovations

Thursday 4 September 2024

From 15:45 to 18:45 (EEST)

On the occasion of the 19th ESIL Annual Conference on Technological Change and International Law, the Interest Group on International Business and Human Rights invites its members and other interested academic and experts to join a discussion about how technological innovations and business and human rights law.

Background

Technological innovations and scientific discoveries have generated significant transformation within society. Both emerging and more established technologies, such as automation, information technologies, artificial intelligence or robotics or big data technologies, harbour great promise for fostering societal development, well-being and prosperity. Yet, they also raise important challenges due to their impacts on human rights, environmental protection, and ethical implications. In light of this, and in line with the overarching theme of the 19th ESIL Annual Conference on Technological Change and International Law, this year's annual workshop of the Interest Group on Business & Human Rights aims to explore the relationship between technologies and international law from the perspective of business and human rights.

Online participation

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PROGRAMME

Welcome and introduction

The Coordinating Committee

15.45-15.50

PANEL 1: Human rights, technology, and due diligence

15.50-16.50

Unraveling the Threads of Responsibility: Exploring the Implications of the Use of AI Technologies for Corporate Accountability – **Alessandra De Tommaso** (Middlesex University London School of Law).

The Digitalisation of Sustainability Due Diligence: Towards Digitally Enhanced Global Value Chain Governance – **Antoine Duval and Klaas Eller** (Asser Institute and University of Amsterdam).

Accountability gaps related to social media platforms' content moderation practices: the tale of two standards of due diligence as the means for transcending the public/private divide – **Maciej Gajos** (University of Wrocław).

Questions & Answers

PANEL 2: Responsibility, technologies, and human rights

16.50 – 18.00

US Surveillance Tools in the Service of EU Law Enforcement Authorities – Is It the Only Option to Protect Public Security? – **Zuzanna Choińska** (University of Warsaw).

No Harm, No Foul: The Role of Businesses in AI-Enabled Energy Applications – **Esmeralda Columbo** (Smartenergy Italy Srl).

Regulating Private AI Developers' Human Rights Responsibilities in Smart Cities: An Examination of China's Practice, Progress, Problems and Prospects – **Zhuolun Li** (Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo).

Selling Refoulement and Getting Away With It? Private Entities' International Responsibility for Geolocation Data Sharing that Enables Refoulements – **Sissy Katsoni** (Rüth-Universität Bochum).

Questions & Answers

Coffee Break 18.00 – 18.10

PANEL 3: Consumer protection and the digital environment

18.10 – 18.45

Business and Human Rights of Consumers: Navigating the Impact of New Technologies on International Consumer Protection – **Iris Benöhr** (Southampton Law School).

To What Extent Will the Regulation of an "Artificial Intelligence Ethics" Guarantee the Maintenance of Consumer Rights? Will These Become More Vulnerable in the New Automated Context? – **Elise Vălcu** (National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest).

Questions & Answers